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President Obama on Death of Saudi Crown Prince

The White House
Office of the Press Secretary
June 16, 2012

Statement by the President on the Death of Crown Prince Nayif bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia

It was with great regret that I learned of the passing of Crown Prince Nayif bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia. For decades, Crown Prince Nayif served as Minister of the Interior and dedicated himself to the security of Saudi Arabia as well as security throughout the region. Under his leadership, the United States and Saudi Arabia developed a strong and effective partnership in the fight against terrorism, one that has saved countless American and Saudi lives. Crown Prince Nayif also strongly supported the broader partnership between our two countries begun by his late father, King Abd al-Aziz Al Saud, and President Roosevelt in their historic meeting in 1945. On behalf of the American people, I would like to offer my deepest condolences to King Abdullah, the royal family, and the people of Saudi Arabia.

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Vice President Biden on Death of Saudi Crown Prince

The White House
Office of the Vice President
June 16, 2012

Statement by the Vice President on the Death of Crown Prince Nayif bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia

I was saddened to learn of the passing of Crown Prince Nayif bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia, who, as Minister of the Interior for almost 40 years, made an historic contribution to the security of the Kingdom and to its strong partnership with the United States in the fight against terrorism. I was honored to be received by Crown Prince Nayif in Riyadh last October and had looked forward to welcoming him to the United States. I offer my deepest condolences to King Abdullah, the royal family and the people of Saudi Arabia.

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Secretary Clinton on Death of Saudi Crown Prince

U.S. Department of State
Office of the Spokesperson
June 16, 2012

Statement by Secretary Clinton

on the Passing of the Crown Prince Nayif bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud

I am deeply saddened by the passing of Crown Prince Nayif bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud. I want to express my condolences to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the family of Crown Prince Naif, and the people of Saudi Arabia. He devoted his life to the security of Saudi Arabia and its fight against extremism. Crown Prince Naif was a key and valued partner for the United States, and he was a dedicated and courageous leader for Saudi Arabia. I will personally miss Crown Prince Naif and his pivotal role in enhancing the bilateral relationship between the United States and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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Ambassador Smith on Death of Saudi Crown Prince

U.S Embassy, Riyadh
Information Office
June 16, 2012

Statement of Condolences by Ambassador Smith on the Death of Crown Prince Naif bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

I am deeply saddened by the death of HRH Crown Prince Naif bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Deputy Premier and Minister of Interior. As U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, I convey my heart-felt condolences on behalf of the U.S. Embassy and the people of the United States of America to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the family of Crown Prince Naif, and the people of Saudi Arabia, over the passing of Crown Prince Naif. I had the pleasure of meeting and consulting with Crown Prince Naif many times to discuss key regional and bi-lateral issues, and I am personally going to miss his strong partnership and leadership.

This is a sad day not only for Saudi Arabia, but also for the United States, which lost a close friend. Crown Prince Naif was a strong leader and a good friend to the United States. On a day like this, we can't but remember that Crown Prince Naif was known for his courage and dedication to the security of his country, his steadfast service to the Hajj, and his visionary leadership in the fight against extremism. Many Saudis and non-Saudis alike will miss Crown Prince Naif, who has been a pillar of the modern Saudi state for decades.

Prince Naif will be sorely missed for his pivotal role in the deep and enduring relationship between the United States and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. I extend my deepest condolences to his family, and to Saudi Arabia as a whole, on the occasion of this great loss.

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